

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2983
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SALE OF HUGE STOCK OF WHEAT
SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the international prices have made Indian wheat competitive and global tenderers have set their eyes on the huge stocks available here;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated quantity of wheat available for sale at present;
- (c) the details of the foreign firms that have approached the Government for the bulk purchase of wheat; and
- (d) the stage at which the matter stands at present and the prices at which it is likely to be sold?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

- (a): It is not possible to compare the export price and the domestic price of wheat as export of wheat would depend upon international market fares.
- (b) Export of wheat is freely allowed subject to quantitative ceilings as may be notified by the Department of Commerce (DGFT) from time to time and Registration-cum Allocation Certificate issued by APEDA. For the year 2000-2001, a ceiling of 20 lakh MTs has been fixed. In addition, the Government has decided to export wheat from the surplus stocks available with it. A ceiling of 20 lakh MTs has been fixed for export of wheat during 2000-2001.
- (c) No foreign firm has approached the Government for bulk purchase of wheat.
- (d) Wheat is being made available by the FCI for export at a price not lower than the CIP for BPL category which, at present, is Rs.4150/- per MT. A quantity of 13.70 lakh MTs (approx.) of wheat has been lifted from FCI stocks for export as of 12-03-2001.